

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 8 hours from the hours of 4 p.m. Thursday, August 2 until midnight Thursday evening, August 2.

Fishermen are reminded to check with Great Pacific if the buyer needs to shorten the hours they will buy fish because of limited capacity or airline schedules.

Catch this season has been 100,000 chum salmon by 59 permit holders. The catch has been average.

The Kobuk River test fish catch at Kiana ranks in the top half of catches in the 20-year project history.

Continuing with short duration openings should not jeopardize escapement and allow for subsistence fishing opportunity.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.